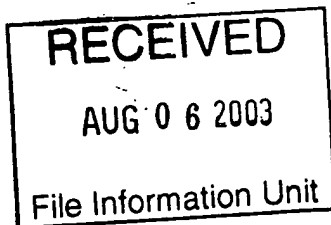


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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A workpiece or substrate is placed in a support in a reaction chamber. A heated process liquid is sprayed onto the substrate. The thickness of the layer of process liquid formed on the substrate is controlled, e.g., by spinning the substrate. Ozone is introduced into the reaction chamber by injection into the liquid or into the reaction chamber, while the temperature of the substrate is controlled, to chemically process the substrate. The substrate is then rinsed and dried.

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